

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
April 10, 2018

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Wiley Grady, Chairman, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Attorney Joe Cargile (attending in County Attorney Bruce Warren's absence), County Clerk Twink Monahan and Assistant Clerk Thelma Maxwell. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise and Chris Hurst, WPAX. Other staff present were Tony Bodiford, Public Works Director; Lyndall Knight, Facilities; Ken Gay, Inspections, Planning and Zoning.

Vice-Chairman Brown gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith and carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Lyndall Knight who is representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Knight presented Community Involvement Awards to three (3) county employees who have served in the armed forces; Maliscia "Rose" Lindberg (EMS), James A. Vick (Fire Dept) and Timothy G. Watkins (Criminal Investigations). Mr. Knight spoke of each recipient's service to our country and community.

Chairman Grady recognized Julie Murphree, Executive Director, and Candee Henderson, Board Chairman, with Keep Thomas County Beautiful (KTCB). Ms. Murphree presented, along with Ms. Candee Henderson, a presentation outlining the recent activities of KTCB and how well the schools and other organizations have been working to bring awareness of the litter problems that exist. The local community involvement has been excellent. They thanked the board for their support and interest.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to appoint Timothy G. Watkins to the Thomas County Department of Family and Children Services board for a 5 year term ending 6/30/2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith and was approved by a unanimous vote. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

County Manager Michael Stephenson told the board included in the agenda packet is a draft of the amendment to the Planning and Land Use ordinance in relation to variances and variance procedures. The draft was prepared by county staff and the county attorney. The Planning Commission will meet April 16, 2018 and their recommendation will be presented to the board at the April 24, 2018 meeting.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the updated Department of Administrative Services Designation of Authorized Signers and Property Selectors and the Non-Discrimination Assurance agreement. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith and the motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

  
Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk